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Does Patriotism Demand It?

Shall Hawaii abandon temporarily its annual Civic Convention and its annual Mid-Pacific Carnival?

These questions have been put before the public, though little has been said of the suggestion that the Civic Convention, to be held this year at Honolulu, should be postponed.

Both questions should be and will be answered in the negative.

Neither of these important yearly events should be given up.

The war emergency will modify the character of the programs but there is just as much need for the two big annual meetings in war-times as in peace-times.

The nation's leaders have gone on record against stopping the wheels of industry and progress because we are at war.

They have pointed out, and truly, that American business must go on, must expand, must prosper, if America is to support the mighty financial burden which our entry into the war entails. They ask emphasis on essentials and the elimination of waste, but not stragglings of business.

Both the territorial Civic Convention and the Mid-Pacific Carnival are founded on sound ideas of public business.

The Civic Convention is not a merry-making event. It is not a frivolous event. It is an annual congress of business and professional men of all the islands for the exchange of ideas on topics of vital community interest.

It has been a wonderful stimulant to good feeling throughout the territory, to the cooperation of all the islands, in attacking problems which demand money and effort for solution.

Inasmuch as some of the arguments toward an abandonment of the convention have questioned the advisability of Hawaii's doing anything not absolutely necessary. It may be well to consider how some other parts of our country view similar questions.

The Merchants' Association of New York has recently expressed the opinion that if there is a tendency to forego holding conventions and general commercial meetings by business interests, it is a false idea—that the application of such a policy would be harmful rather than beneficial both to the government and to the nation's business. The further position assumed by the association is that gatherings should be encouraged because a failure to hold them is usually likely to create a false impression, to breed lack of business confidence and to discourage mutual cooperation which is so necessary under existing circumstances.

It is noticed that a number of conventions have been cancelled or postponed through a feeling that the necessary expenditure which they would entail is in the nature of an extravagance and ought not to be made at a time when the country is admonished to husband all its resources. It is noticed also that in other localities this feeling is viewed as a mistake and the opinion expressed that conventions afford an opportunity for the interchange of ideas and the promotion of patriotic sentiment which must prove of the very greatest value to the country.

We are equally cognizant in Hawaii of the needs of our common country and the necessity of conserving all our resources, but we feel also that even though our country is at war the affairs of government here must continue just the same and will continue just the same, and that a discussion of the many public questions which will come before the Civic Convention will be just as necessary as though we were at peace.

The Mid-Pacific Carnival presents a different proposition but much the same arguments for its continuance hold true. Probably it will be well to change the program considerably. Yet it is almost certain that by next February England's food crisis will be passed, steamship traffic will be more nearly normal, and Hawaii may justifiably campaign for tourists. The Pacific Ocean is as safe as ever—far safer than at the beginning of the war, when German warships and raiders were loose. Tourists will go somewhere next winter and all reports up to date point to the fact that they will come west and to Hawaii.

From this standpoint—of an event which will attract tourist traffic—the Carnival should be continued. Its character may well be changed to emphasize patriotism. In fact, it is not well to consider the suggestion to make the Carnival a monster benefit entertainment for the American Red Cross fund or some other needed war fund? If the Carnival is conducted on this basis, with every cent over expenses going to for a patriotic purpose, the response in attendance would be record-breaking.

To call off at this time the Carnival next February would be a grave mistake. France in the midst of a war draining her very life-blood found time for a great public fair. It served its patriotic purpose. There is food for thought in this one incident alone.

Employees on the Petrograd-Moscow railroad have been given an increase of pay and have called off their strike. They had the six-hour day previously. The Russian workman is certainly in a soft spot these days.

"Saloons Face Extinction," says a headline. They deserve it. The business is rotten and in time of war it is a double menace to and a double burden on the community. Why tolerate it?

This is a bad year for kings. Nicholas and Constantine are in the discard and old King Boon is slipping fast.

Hands Off, Politicians!

Honolulu elected a new city administration not the play politics but to deliver the goods of honest, progressive, efficient city government.

Of the old board of supervisors, there were retained by the electorate men felt to have "delivered the goods" in the past two years and to show promise of particular future activity—officials felt to be able to manage men and money for growing Honolulu.

Two former supervisors, Democrats, were elected—Messrs. Petrie and McClellan. They were elected because the voters felt that these two men would round out a board able to cope with Honolulu's vital problems.

Having elected these men, the voters and the city are entitled to service in the fullest sense of the word.

The city has the right to expect an organization of the board which will allow Republicans and Democrats alike to give the best service, to swing into action their best power and fullest usefulness.

Honolulu is not interested in the committee makeup of the new board except in so far as this committee makeup is framed for the sole purpose of good government.

There have been disquieting rumors that the political organizations want to play politics with the new board.

Hands off, politicians! You are not wanted. The election is over. Honolulu expects the supervisors to get down to work on the basis upon which they were elected—efficient management of Honolulu regardless of party.

As the new board stands, the members can get together harmoniously and plan the future effectively. But if outside political influence, for patronage or for party, wedges into the situation, the administration will certainly be marred and may be wrecked.

The two Democratic minority members are entitled to fair play in the makeup of committees. If the Republican majority does not recognize this, it will make a disastrous mistake; for the Democrats were elected by the majority of voters in Honolulu and they represent majority sentiment.

So far as the Star-Bulletin can learn, leaders of the Republican majority have no intention of not playing fair. If the professional politicians, trouble-makers and patronage-hunters keep hands off, the new board ought to have plain sailing.

It will be a mistake also if the new board starts out to wrest all possible powers from Mayor-elect Fern, in a spirit of revenge because he upset "the dope" and defeated Mayor Lane. The wisdom of attempts by the outgoing board to curtail Fern's future scope of action is questionable. Certainly it does not help to start the new board on a harmony basis.

Voters of Honolulu spoke clearly at the recent election. They spoke for government by efficiency instead of by politics. Any attempt to play politics in the makeup of the new board will not be disregarded by the voters. They expect each member of the board to be placed on committees where he can do the most good, where his ability and experience and ideals will count the most for progress. And if this mandate of the voters is ignored, those responsible will hear something else that cannot be ignored.

GILES H. GERE.

Death is taking a heavy toll of useful Honoluluans. Giles H. Gere, who passed away yesterday afternoon at Berea hospital, was held in high regard professionally and as a fellow-citizen. His administration of the city engineer's office was clean and efficient, without suspicion even of favoritism. Before and after that term in public office he had the high esteem of his fellow-engineers.

"Whatever Guy Gere says you can bank on he believes in thoroughly," is a remark which characterizes the opinion held of him.

While he was cut off in the prime of life, he already had much useful work to his credit in this city and territory and the very wide regret felt at his demise testifies to the friendships he had won and held.

In their objections to the selective draft some of these "conscientious objectors" will be giving the first positive evidence they have ever submitted as to their actual possession of a conscience.—Providence Journal.

Judging by the handling of the proposed stevedores' strike, the waterfront men are still burdened with leaders who work their vocal organs more than their hands or brains.

Honolulu waked up late on Red Cross Week but then the much-cursed corporations were the first to "come through" for patriotism and humanity.

The grand vizier of Turkey has been moving his valuables. It might be well for him to keep a tight grip on his official head.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Col. Roosevelt started it with "Arm and Farm." Somebody else suggested "Planting and Preparedness" and the latest is "Fight and Finance."

While taking pity on the orphaned children of France, it is well to set a little aside also for the Baby Bond.

Daylight saving is all well enough, but nature is overdoing this business of sunlight saving.—Providence Journal.

STARRATT-AIKEN NUPTIALS BEAUTIFUL MAUI EVENT

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)
WAILUKU, Maui, June 21.—One of the most charming church weddings ever held on Maui was that of Miss Irene Blowers Aiken to Mr. Harold Earl Starratt, which took place on Wednesday evening in the Church of the Good Shepherd. The pretty little church was all too small to accommodate the throng of friends of the bride who had gathered from all parts of Maui for the joyous ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with yellow and white flowers, calla lilies, and Shasta daisies, playing an important part in the scheme which was designed and executed by Mrs. W. F. J. Dale. Prior to the arrival of the bridal party, the choir of the church sang, as it did also softly during the ceremony.

It was a few minutes past the stroke of 8:30 o'clock that the bridal party entered the church to the strains of a wedding march played by Mrs. Villiers at the organ. First in the procession came the two bridesmaids, Miss Evelyn Scott and Miss Shirley Foster, Honolulu girl friends of the bride, both dressed alike in pale pink georgette crepe, wearing white picture hats, and carrying baskets of yellow carnations. They were followed by Mrs. Frederic Hardy, matron of honor, gowning in a stunning maize colored satin, also with white picture hat and carrying yellow chrysanthemums.

The bride was beautiful in a white broadened crepe meoteur, with veil held back by orange blossoms. She carried a splendid shower bouquet of sweet peas caught with satin ribbons, and was supported on the arm of her brother, Mr. Worth O. Aiken, who later gave her away. At the chancel the party was met by the groom, supported by his best man, Mr. J. S. B. Pratt, Jr.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Charles Villiers, the ring service of the church being employed.

Following the ceremony and the after one of signing the marriage register, the party left the church to be driven to the home of Dr. and Mrs. George Aiken, on High street, where a small reception was held. There were about 40 present at this affair, made up of the bridal party and the near relatives and a few intimate friends of the young people. During the serving of dainty light refreshments the happy young couple sought to slip away unobserved, but were unsuccessful and were liberally showered with rice, while their automobile was richly decorated with old footwear, the pans, white ribbons, etc.

After finally making their escape they were driven to Lahaina, where they are spending the first days of their honeymoon in the C. D. Luffin cottage on the beach. They will leave tomorrow evening for Lahaina for their future home at Oia, Hawaii, where Mr. Starratt holds a responsible scientific position, and where a new home has just been completed for them.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Julia S. Aiken of Kahului, and her leaving Maui will be the occasion of the keenest regret on the part of her wide circle of friends here.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIED
LOPEZ-ORNELLAS—At Fort Street Mission, June 20, 1917, Domingos Lopez and Mary Ornelas, Father Edmund Schatz officiating; witnesses, August Ornelas and Carrie Ornelas.

NAMES-KALAWAIA—In Honolulu, June 21, 1917, Juanito B. Names and Miss Cecelia Kalawaia, Rev. Father Victorinus Claessen of the Catholic cathedral officiating. Witnesses—Mrs. Roseline Funes and Angela Tenedo.

ALBANA-LEWIS—In Honolulu, June 20, 1917, Sotero Albana and Miss Lily Lewis, Rev. Father Victorinus Claessen of the Catholic cathedral officiating. Witnesses—J. H. Haole and Andrew Delogio.

DIED
SPENCER—At the Oahu Insane Asylum, June 21, 1917, Mary Spencer, a native of Hawaii, aged 54 years.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOHN HUGHES: I think it is a shame that the present board is taking away the powers of the mayor. Give Joe Fern a chance. It is the wrong system to legislate against the man in office and it is a policy that will store up trouble for the new board.

PERSONALITIES

LOUIS C. MULLGART, the San Francisco architect visiting in Honolulu, has gone to the Big Island for a short visit.

ALBERT F. LEE, Herman Ludloff and George Santos, who recently were graduated from St. Louis College, left for their respective homes on Hawaii today.

MOLOKAI COAST TRIP IS GRAND, THINKS COELHO

William J. Coelho, clerk in the territorial land office and a former senator from Maui, has returned from a trip to Maui and Molokai an ardent booster for the "See Hawaii first" movement. Coelho says that tourists and townspeople alike should plan whenever possible to make a trip in the Mikahala along the north coast of Molokai, and that the present time is especially favorable for the smoothness of the water.

Fishing direct from the anchored steamer is possible, he says, and the scenery along the coast is probably as grand as any place in the islands.

The boat passes the leper settlement, giving passengers a good view of the world renowned village; it also passes close in by half a dozen valleys, each of which is remarkable for its scenery. Primitive Hawaiian life flourishes along the coast there as probably nowhere else in the islands.

NORMAL SCHOOL CLASS ASSIGNED

Members of the class of 1917 of the Normal school have been assigned to teach in the public schools of the territory as follows:

Oahu Schools
Walpahu—Misses Lucy Raposo, Violet E. Schlett, Lucile V. Arlague, Nellie C. K. Moore and Sarah K. Kahala.

Waialua—Misses Oy Cum Loo, Margaret Jean Cowan, Anna Ai Chang, Margaret Shaw and Anita Wittrock.
Kahuku—Miss Esther K. Ing.
Waianae—Miss Fannie Kahikina Kahuku.

Kawailoa—Misses Fannie Fonhai Howe and Matilda M. Ah Quin.
Ewa—Misses Beattie B. Amana, Elsie F. T. Fung and Olympia L. Silva Soares.

Kaneohe—Miss Hannah S. L. Chang.
Aiea—Miss Lillian Kuuleloha Fenell.

Watertown—Miss Rose P. Gomes.
Hawaii Schools

Kaapahu, Hamakua—Misses Marion E. Soares and Miss Helen Soares.
Papaikou, Hilo—Kung Kai Chang, and Misses Tome Nakatsukasa and Eliza L. Kamakawioole.
Pahoa, Puna—Evelyn Kahikina Pea.
Peepeekeo, Hilo—Miss Masayo Kuraya.

Honolulu, Kona—Misses Lillian A. K. Akina and Mary Ali.

Honolulu, Hamakua—Miss Jean Evelyn Erickson.

Waialeale, Hilo—Misses Agnes Frendo and Tsuna Hamada.

Maui Schools
Puunene—Frank Martins and Miss Afoon Lipuni Ah Nin.

Lahaina—Misses Lily Lau Yin Chi and Annie Nyuk Tain Ho.
Pala—Misses Gladys Martina Traut and Olive Marian Villiers.

Nahiku—Miss Rosabelle Coelho.
Honokohau—Miss Jennie E. A. Kahala.

Makawao—Miss Emma Sui Kim Young.

Kauai Schools
Kapaa—Misses Amelia Lei Souza, Hannah S. Kimura and Esther M. Kaiwi.

Waimea—Wilhelmina Souza Jansen.

Eleele—Misses Madeline Cumming Smith, Gracie En Fung Liu, Frances M. Pillar and Eliza Ooe P. Yuen.

Kakala—Miss Lily K. Nasa.

Koloa—Edward Charles Lovell.

Hanalet—Amy Kamahuna Mahikou.

To be placed—Misses Lily K. Apo, Marie V. Estrella and Eleanor Yun Nyuk Moo.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN FOR VISITORS READY TO RETURN TO MAINLAND

A farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Souza, 1113 Kinau street, in honor of Mrs. Marie Miller, who left on the Manoa for her home in San Francisco. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Medeiros, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lemke, Mr. and Mrs. William Andrade, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. De Cotto, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. De Cotto, Jr., Mr. Patrick McGuinness, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. M. Johnson, and others.

KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN SUMMER SCHOOL JULY 2

The Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association will open a summer vacation school at Atkinson Park July 2. Mrs. Margaret Waldron will be in charge and the school

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will be conducted along the same lines as the one at Kaula last summer. The children will be taught carpentry, weaving, sewing and folk dancing, and games and story telling will be features of the play hours. Among the teachers will be Michael Dawson, carpentry; Miss Kun Lei Waldron, sewing; Miss Elizabeth Spencer, dancing; Miss Helen Rowland, in charge of the little children. Samuel Robley of the Y. M. C. A. will assist in the teaching of games.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guild and family have moved out to their beach cottage at Kaula for the summer, and with their daughter, Marjorie, home from school on the mainland for the summer vacation, the younger set are looking forward to many good times at the Guilds' seaside home. Sunday morning the members of Aloha Temple, Mystic Shrine, will take their ladies over the Pali for a picnic near Waimanalo. This is the first time in many years that the Shrine has included ladies in any of their entertainment features. Potentate Lester Petrie has appointed S. S. Paxson as chairman of transportation and entertainment.

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